

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5 and 10 are amended, claim 14 has been previously cancelled, and thus, claims 1-13 and 15 remain in this application.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-2, 5-6, 9-11, 13 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. 5,805,733 to Wang et al.¹ Further, claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,546,475 to Bolle et al. Finally, Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,195,458 to Warnick et al.

Claims 1, 5, and 10 are amended herein to recite method steps of or means for, "grouping said segments into scenes based on their calculated features and measured similarities; generating feature data corresponding to said scene; and transmitting said feature data with said input data." It is respectfully submitted that none of the references cited teaches such method steps or means for performing such functions. Accordingly, independent claims 1, 5, and 10 patentably distinguish over the cited references and are allowable. Claims 2-4, 6-9, 11-13, and 15, which depend from one of these base claims are allowable therewith.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable over the prior art, and early and favorable consideration thereof is solicited.

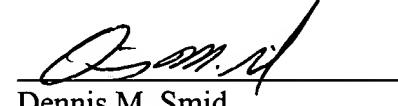
In the event that the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing comments concerning the disclosures in the cited prior art, it is requested that the Examiner indicate where in the reference or references, there is the bases for a contrary view.

¹ In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Wang, however, it is believed that the Examiner intended to reject claim 13, as claim 14 was cancelled in response to the previous Office Action.

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